

Powerline Intercession

Please join us in praying for this week's intention:

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE EVERYWHERE



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Simply contact us as above.

Lord, our youth encounter so many temptations to abandon the truth you have revealed about their sexuality and the nature of love ...

Enlighten their minds to understand the Church's teaching and strengthen them to follow it. May they shine as lights in the world, witnessing to the beauty of covenant relationships between men and women surrendered to you.

Have mercy on children, teens, and young adults in slavery to addictions and those who suffer mental distress, especially depression and impulses to self-harm ... please guide them to wise counselors. In particular, intervene for those considering suicide right now. Bind the spirit of death and despair; infuse them with a hope-filled will to live.

Finally, those of us who have left youth behind resolve to love the young people in our own lives as much as we can ... We forgive them for the ways they have hurt or rejected us, for poor choices they've made. We are sorry for the ways we have failed them through our sins or weakness, and we ask you to fill the gaps between what they have needed from us and what we have given them.

Gathering up all these intentions, we implore You, Jesus, for the mending of every breach, the healing of every wound, the forgiveness of every sin. We ask for the lifting of oppression, deliverance out of danger, strength in trial, solace in sorrow. We ask for an infilling of sanctifying grace, and for an outpouring of the actual graces needed at this moment. We ask for angels to guard us, for the mantle of Mary to enfold us, and for the prayers of the saints to protect us. Most of all, we plead for more of the Holy Spirit, and for greater faith, hope, and love in every heart. Amen.

We end this time of intercession, praying an *Our Father*, a *Hail Mary* and *Glory Be* for the Holy Father's intentions.

Lord Jesus, on Holy Thursday night, you went to the garden of
Gethsemane to pray and cry out to God the Father.
In that agony, great drops of blood mingled
with your sweat and with your tears.

In you all times are NOW, so we enter that garden
to watch with you
and to comfort your sorrowful heart.

This week's special intention is for young people.

*As we pray, let's call to mind the faces and names of
the young adults we know personally.
Let's ask St. John Paul II, who loved young people so much, to intercede
with us that they would walk by faith
along the path of their vocation safely to heaven.*

Each prayer begins:

*Lord Jesus, we unite ourselves to your most bitter passion.
We come under the covering and cleansing of your Precious Blood,
poured out for the whole world.*

Each prayer ends: *For this we pray, O Jesus: Amen.*

We bring to your Sacred Heart young people everywhere ... Thank you for the beautiful gift that they are to the world, a sign of hope and of new beginnings. Young people face so many challenges today, and YOU are their answer! Pour down your Holy Spirit on this generation in power.

We pray for young Catholics ... Give them strength to remain faithful to their baptism and live as faithful members of your church. Give them mentors who help them discern their vocations.

Anoint the efforts of all catechism teachers and youth leaders, especially Caroline Biskner, her core team, Tim DiLaura and the staff of St. Thomas school. We lift up their intentions to you now ... Bless all their work. In this time of pandemic, give them the wisdom they need to envision and move towards the future.

We pray for young men and women whom you are calling to serve you in religious life ... Grant them the courage to say "Yes" to your invitation. We especially pray for the women living across the street at the St. Catherine house.

We intercede for all students ... Bless their studies, especially at this time when they are so much on their own. We especially remember those at transition points: freshman, seniors, and students at other crossroads who have been suddenly thrust into the next step. May they peacefully make decisions in conformity with their true calling: to live wholly for you.

We remember all young victims of abuse, exploitation, violence, and war ... It breaks our hearts to see the innocent suffer. Although we don't understand, we entrust these situations to you, believing that you can bring good out of every evil.